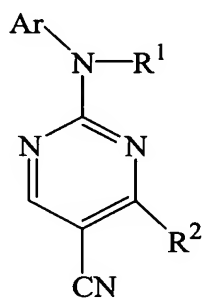


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (1):



wherein

Ar is an optionally substituted aromatic or heteroaromatic group;

R¹ is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched chain alkyl group;

R² is a -X¹-R³ group; where

X¹ is ~~a direct bond or a linker atom or group~~ selected from -C(O)-, -C(S)-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-, -C(R⁷)₂-, -CON(R⁷)-, -OC(O)N(R⁷)-, -CSN(R⁷)-, -N(R⁷)CO-, -N(R⁷)C(O)O-, -N(R⁷)CS-, -SON(R⁷)-, -SO₂N(R⁷)-, -N(R⁷)SO₂-, -N(R⁷)CON(R⁷)-, -N(R⁷)CSN(R⁷)-, -N(R⁷)SON(R⁷)-, and -N(R⁷)SO₂N(R⁷)-;

R⁷ is a hydrogen atom or C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

R³ is an optionally substituted aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, heteroaliphatic, heterocycloaliphatic, aromatic or heteroaromatic group;

and the salts, solvates, hydrates and N-oxides thereof.

2. (original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R¹ is a hydrogen atom.

- 3-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Ar is a phenyl, pyridyl, indolyl, indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl or benzoxazolyl group each substituted by one, two or three $-R^4$ or $-Alk(R^4)_m$ substituents in which R^4 is a halogen atom, or an amino ($-NH_2$), substituted amino, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl ($-OH$), substituted hydroxyl, formyl, carboxyl ($-CO_2H$), esterified carboxyl, thiol ($-SH$), substituted thiol, $-COR^5$ [where R^5 is a $-Alk(R^4)_m$, aryl or heteroaryl group], $-CSR^5$, $-SO_3H$, $-SO_2R^5$, $-SO_2NH_2$, $-SO_2NHR^5$, $-SO_2N[R^5]_2$, $-CONH_2$, $-CSNH_2$, $-CONHR^5$, $-CSNHR^5$, $-CON[R^5]_2$, $-CSN[R^5]_2$, $-NHSO_2H$, $-NHSO_2R^5$, $-N[SO_2R^5]_2$, $-NHSO_2NH_2$, $-NHSO_2NHR^5$, $-NHSO_2N[R^5]_2$, $-NHCOR^5$, $-NHCONH_2$, $-NHCONHR^5$, $-NHCON[R^5]_2$, $-NHCSR^5$, $-NHC(O)OR^5$, or optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, hetero-cycloaliphatic, aryl or heteroaryl group; Alk is a straight or branched C_{1-6} alkylene, C_{2-6} alkenylene or C_{2-6} alkynylene chain, optionally interrupted by one, two or three $-O-$ or $-S-$ atoms or groups selected from $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$ or $-N(R^6)-$ [where R^6 is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched chain C_{1-6} alkyl group]; and m is zero or an integer 1, 2 or 3.

7. (original) A compound according to Claim 6 wherein Ar is a phenyl group substituted by one, two or three $-R^4$ or $-Alk(R^4)_m$ substituents.

8. (original) A compound according to any one of Claim 5 to Claim 7 wherein at least one of $-R^4$, $-Alk(R^4)_m$, $-R^{4b}$ or $-Alk(R^{4b})_m$ is a $-X^{1a}(Alk^a)_pNR^{7a}R^{7b}$ (where X^{1a} is a direct bond or a linker atom or group, Alk^a is as defined for Alk, p is zero or an integer 1 and R^{7a} and R^{7b} which may be the same or different is each a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched C_{1-6} alkyl group), $-X^{1a}(Alk^a)_pNHet^1$ (where $-NHet^1$ is an optionally substituted C_{3-7} cyclicamino group optionally containing one or more $-O-$ or $-S-$ atoms or $-N(R^6)$ [where R^6 is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched chain C_{1-6} alkyl group]) or $-X^{1a}(Alk^a)_pAr^2$ group (where Ar^2 is a nitrogen containing heteroaromatic group).

9-10. (canceled)

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11. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1 together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents.